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COMMUNITY ISSUES

APARTMENT FIRE

JANUARY 2, 2000 9:00 P.M. (09:04) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that quick work by firefighters helped save two mid-city apartment buildings that night. The fire broke out around 7:30 that night in the 800 block of South Lucern Boulevard. Firefighters said high winds caused the flames to leap from one structure to the next. Firefighters managed to knock it down in about 30 minutes. Only one resident was expected to be displaced by fire and water damage.

HAZMAT ACCIDENT

JANUARY 4, 2000 2:30 P.M. (02:33) TRT 00:31

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that two lanes of the northbound Glendale Freeway remained closed at that time, due to an early morning accident when a car carrying radioactive materials crashed, spilling a small amount of chemicals onto the road. Authorities closed the northbound side of the freeway in the Eagle Rock area for several hours. The three-car crash led to the closure near Colorado Boulevard and happened just after five that morning. Fortunately, no one was seriously hurt. A Hazmat team was called in to remove the materials. They found no harmful amounts of radioactivity. But, the incident created quite a commuter nightmare.

MTA DIG

JANUARY 6, 2000 8:00P.M. (08:02) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that construction of the L.A Subway System turned into a boon to archaeologists. They were able to dig around in areas they could not get at before. The Universal City Red Line Station was just steps away from "Campo de Cahuenga," the spot where Mexican General Andres Pico gave up to U.S forces back in 1847. Archaeologists unearthed important artifacts from that time. On January 16, there would be a re-enactment of the signing of the Campo de Cahuenga Treaty on that site. The new subway station was scheduled to open that summer.

WALK REUNION

JANUARY 9, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:08) TRT 00:37

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that a celebration of life took center stage in Century City that day. Nearly six hundred men and women came together to commemorate a fifty-five mile journey they shared the previous October. As

participants in the "Avon Breast Cancer Three-day " they did their part to raise money in the annual event. That day, was a chance to celebrate their success. Walkers and crew members shared pictures, stories, and even watched a slide show of the unforgettable event. The October fundraiser raised more than a million dollars toward breast cancer education and early detection programs.

DOG ATTACK

JANUARY 11, 2000 10:00 P.M (10:11) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that a little Garden Grove boy was hospitalized that night in good condition after a neighborhood dog bit him on the face. Three and a half-year-old Leo Nel Lara was being treated for puncture wounds just below his eye. He and his older sister were walking in the alley behind their house when the boy touched the dog that had reportedly gotten out of its yard. The dog was being held at the county animal shelter while authorities investigated.

CLAREMONT

JANUARY 12, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:04) TRT 00:40

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that emotions were running high in Claremont on the first anniversary of a deadly police shooting. That day there was demonstrations and arrests as protesters staged acts of civil disobedience at City Hall. Activists continued to protest the police shooting of Irvin Landrum Junior. He was shot and killed during a routine traffic stop a year from that night. The two officers involved in the shooting were still on active duty in the department.

RIVER BODY

JANUARY 12, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:13) TRT 00:15

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a mysterious gruesome discovery happened that day. The body of a man was found floating in the Los Angeles River. An L.A Public Works employee found the victim in Long Beach that afternoon. He was partially submerged, dressed in dark "worker-type" clothing. Authorities said the body had already begun to decompose. The victim's identity or cause of death was not known. An autopsy was being performed.

KING PARADE

JANUARY 17, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:12) TRT 00:35

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the wet weather did little to dampen the spirit of those at the Southland's largest event honoring Martin Luther King. The annual "Kingdom Day Parade" began at Crenshaw and MLK and wound its way to Western Avenue. Schools, government offices, banks and financial markets were all closed for that day's holiday.

ADVERTISING BAN

JANUARY 18, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:05) TRT 00:46

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that parents, students and others were calling for enforcement of a city ordinance that limited alcohol and tobacco advertising in certain areas. The ordinance passed the year before by the L.A. City council, restricts tobacco and alcohol ads within a thousand feet of schools, parks, churches, residences, and other sites where kids congregate. It hadn't been enforced because billboard and alcohol companies were fighting it in court.

MTA ACCIDENT

JANUARY 19, 2000 3:30 P.M. (03:37) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that one person was critically injured in a pile up involving an MTA bus. The bus broadsided a van at Vanowen Street and Lindley Avenue in Reseda just before eleven that morning. Apparently, another car was also involved in the accident. The investigation was still not complete. Firefighters used the Jaws of Life to remove two men from the van. The condition of the second man was not released but he was able to walk on his own. Passengers on the bus were not hurt.

RAMPART

JANUARY 25, 2000 9:00 P.M. (09:03) TRT 00:35

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that ten more convictions were dismissed in the latest fallout from the LAPD scandal. A judge overturned the drug and weapons convictions that day as requested by the District Attorney. Gil Garcetti said the cases go to the heart of the criminal justice system. So far, 22 cases had been thrown out because of police misconduct. Garcetti said his office would seek dismissals of another two to three dozen cases tainted by false testimony and planting of evidence.

LIQUOR STORE

JANUARY 26, 2000 9:00 P.M. (09:35) TRT 00:17

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that it was an issue that came around again. Do liquor stores contribute to trouble in the community? Activists said they attract the wrong element to a neighborhood. Protestors were demanding changes that night. They were asking liquor stores in South Central L.A to clean up their acts.

APARTMENT FIRE

JANUARY 28, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:11) TRT 00:17

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that a fire, that night, destroyed a unit in a high rise apartment building in West Hollywood. Heavy smoke and flames poured from the unit on the sixth floor of the building on Horn Avenue. Thirty firefighters were rushed to the scene. They knocked down the flames in about 20 minutes. The fire was contained to just one unit. The cause had not yet been determined.

CITY TERRACE

JANUARY 31, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:15) TRT 00:36

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a major effort would soon begin to fight violence and blight in the City Terrace area of East Los Angeles. A Sheriff's Task Force was getting ready to launch a community-based policing effort. The task force would include a sergeant and 18 deputies, who would patrol the area, where 39-thousand people lived. On February 12th, the anti-crime effort would formally begin with door-to-door canvassing. Later, a community meeting would be held to review the results. Violent crime was likely to be a recurring theme in those discussions: the number of reported murder, rape, assault and robbery in City Terrace numbered more than 400 in the first 11 months of 1999.

FLIGHT 261 CRASH

JANUARY 1, 2000 9:00 P.M. (09:02) TRT 00:36

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that the Coast Guard said it was still a search for life for people aboard flight 261. They hoped that flight 261 might still yield some survivors. Searchers had detected a "ping" sound, perhaps the black boxes that would yield answers later on.

FLIGHT 261 CRASH

JANUARY 2, 2000 8:00 P.M. (08:07) TRT 00:18

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that visiting the shoreline was not enough for some relatives of the victims. That day, a group made an emotional voyage to the crash site. About 20 relatives and friends boarded a boat donated by the Hueneme Sports Fishing Company to make the solemn journey to the area where flight 261 went down. They dropped flowers into the water off Port Hueneme. The mourners were joined by ministries and grief counselors as they took time to remember their loved ones. There were more than 100 family members in L.A that night. Clergy and grief counselors were consoling them. The latest on the investigation was that the plane's cockpit recorder had been recovered that night. The search for survivors was officially called off.

CONDO FIRE

JANUARY 4, 2000 2:00 P.M. (02:05) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez Mitchell reported that an elderly couple was homeless that day after a fire ripped through a condominium in the exclusive Hancock Park area. The fire broke out after eight that night before in the 400 block of south Van Ness. Flames and smoke were seen from the rear of the two-story building. It took firefighters half an hour to put out the stubborn blaze. Officials believed a faulty fireplace caused it. No one was hurt in the blaze. However, the fire caused more than 400-thousand dollars in damage to two units.

PLANES COLLIDE

FEBRUARY 7, 2000 2:00 P.M. (02:36) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that two planes collided over the Southland, killing at least four people. One plane slammed into a golf course, the other into trees near Sylmar. The two planes were single-engine aircraft. They collided near Balboa Boulevard and the Golden State freeway near Sylmar.

BOOK DONATION

FEBRUARY 9, 2000 2:00 P.M. (02:23) TRT 00:15

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that plenty of good reading material was headed to elementary school libraries in Long Beach. Thousands of books were being donated in the name of a little girl whose life ended too soon.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

FEBRUARY 13, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:08) TRT 00:45

KCAL9 anchor Wayne Garcia reported that hundreds of couples celebrated five, ten, fifteen or twenty years of marriage at Our Lady of Grace Church in Encino. With Cardinal Roger Mahoney presiding over a special mass, they celebrated "World Marriage Day." The day's stars were those couples with twenty-five or fifty years under their belts. Compared to some folks at the church, those couples were even still considered newlyweds. Jesus and Maria Gonzales celebrated 75 years of marriage. Denise and Soledad Martinez had been married for 73 years, and Teresa and Philip Padia tied the knot 74 years ago. Four additional Southland churches also took part in that day's celebration.

ROLLOVER

FEBRUARY 17, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:14) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that a judge overturned nine more criminal convictions in the cases connected to the Rampart corruption probe. That night, some of those defendants spoke out about Rampart, and about disgraced officer

Rafael Perez. Insiders connected with the Rampart probe predicted that the total number of cases cleared might eventually reach into the hundreds.

CALIFORNIA RAISINS

FEBRUARY 18, 2000 9:00 P.M. (09:17) TRT 00:31

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that commuters were greeted with a little music and a dancing giant purple raisin at Union Station that morning. It was all in recognition of "California Raisin Day." The event was to help promote raisins as a quick healthy way to start the day. The fun would continue the following day with a Saturday morning workout with Richard Simmons and the California raisins at Universal Studios.

FESTIVAL PARADE

FEBRUARY 21, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:08) TRT 01:39

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that bad weather didn't stop thousands from celebrating L.A County's 150th birthday. The event was marked the day before by a parade of nations marching down Miracle Mile. The Miracle Mile turned into an international alley for L.A's big birthday bash. Organizers said the parade was not just about celebrating the past, it was about preparing for the future and making sure our wonderfully diverse community was also a united one. Dozens of nations shared common ground at the festival.

VAN ON VICTIM

MARCH 2, 2000 3:30 P.M. (3:37) TRT 00:29

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that students at Pasadena High School gathered that day to remember a classmate killed the previous day in an auto accident. A memorial was set up for 16-year old Andranik Atye-Mizian, who died right in front of hundreds of his classmates. The young man was a passenger in his aunt's van when police said she pulled out in front of another car. The victim was thrown from the van and pinned underneath it. He was not wearing a seatbelt. That day twenty grief counselors were on campus to help students deal with their loss.

ARBOR DAY

MARCH 4, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:12) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that it was a day to celebrate trees and Mother Nature. That day the city of L.A. teamed up with several different agencies to celebrate Arbor Day at Griffith Park. About a thousand people attended. The kids' favorite seemed to be the chainsaw demonstration. They also were treated to aerial and tree rescue demonstrations and pole rappelling. Many took part in a hands-on tree planting of California native sycamores. Best of all, some got to take a little "tree" souvenir home.

GULF WAR CEREMONY

MARCH 4, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:22) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that it seemed as if the allied troops were invincible in the Gulf War. Nine years later, the country was paying respects to the men and women who never made it back alive. That day was the ninth annual remembrance of more than 260 Americans who died in the deserts of Kuwait and Iraq. Former senator Bob Dole, Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera, and the ambassador from Kuwait honored the victims of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

FLAG RALLY

MARCH 4, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:35) TRT 00:32

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported on protests that day in Alabama where the Confederate flag was dividing the ranks. Hundreds of supporters marched in Montgomery to the tune of Bonnie Blue flag. Critics including the NAACP said the flag kept alive a legacy of slavery and racism in the South. But supporters said it was part of their heritage. Some even talked of seceding from the Union. The rally came the same weekend as a reenactment of the Historic Civil Rights March in Selma, Alabama, in 1965. The brutal crackdown 35 years ago spurred the passage of civil rights laws.

MARATHON MAN

MARCH 4, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:39) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Derrin Horton reported that for most people running a marathon took a lot of preparation. You slowly work your way up to running 6, 8, or 12 miles, maybe 18 miles before the big race. But there is a man who prepares for a marathon by running one. In fact, he would run 200 marathons that year alone at age 54.

ILLEGALS RESCUE

MARCH 6, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:13) TRT 01:30

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that the illegal immigrants were not at all prepared for the bitter winter storm. They were wearing tennis shoes, cotton pants and light jackets, not enough clothing to fight off the rain, snow and freezing temperatures. Three of them did not make the dangerous trek over the Laguna Mountains 50 miles east of San Diego. Borders patrol agents said there were actually 3 separate groups of illegal immigrants trying to sneak into the country. The checkpoint the smugglers were trying to avoid was closed the previous day because of the weather.

VATICAN APOLOGY

MARCH 7, 2000 2:00 P.M. (02:14) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported on a historic event that was about to take place at the Vatican. That Sunday Pope John Paul the Second planned to deliver a sweeping apology for the sins of the Roman Catholics over the centuries. It was unclear how specific the Pope would be because the Pope's homily for the day of pardon was still being written. Some had speculated that the Pope would allude to the Catholics role in the Holocaust and crusades.

FIRE SHOOTING

MARCH 9, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:24) TRT 00:15

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that firefighters in Memphis were wearing black bands across their badges that day in honor of two firefighters and one Sheriff's Deputy shot to death the previous day while on duty. Police were trying to figure out what may have triggered the accused killer, an off-duty firefighter, to go on a killing spree.

DOG ROUNDUP

MARCH 9, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:30) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported on a round up in Compton that day not involving cattle, but rather stray dogs. A team of animal control officers and deputies took to the streets early that morning to pick up the dogs that had run rampant and bothered residents. The four hour long operation was staged from the east Rancho Dominguez Park where officers put the stray dogs into trucks.

STOLEN PROPERTY

MARCH 9, 2000 3:30 P.M. (3:37) TRT 00:16

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that victims of car burglars were getting a chance that day to reclaim their stolen property. Hundreds of unclaimed items stolen from Santa Barbara to Orange County were on display in Manhattan Beach. Many of the stolen goods were taken from rental cars parked at local tourist attractions.

SHERIFF CEREMONY

MARCH 9, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:22) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that in Monterey Park that day the Sheriff's Department honored their former leader, the late Sherman Block. At a special ceremony, the department's headquarters was renamed to the "Sherman Block Sheriff's Headquarters Building." Block's widow Alice and current Sheriff Lee Baca were on hand for the ceremony. Sherman Block died after a fall in 1998. He was running for re-election at the time of his death.

WOLF PUPS

MARCH 9, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:16) TRT 00:19

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported on a rare sight that day at the Los Angeles zoo, two South American manned wolf pups. Melosa and Rico were just three months old and members of a very endangered species. There were less than 80 manned wolves in North America. The L.A. zoo was just one of five in the U.S. to breed those wolves that year.

XIANA VIGIL

MARCH 10, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:26) TRT 00:15

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that it had been more than a year since anybody had seen Xiana Fairchild. The seven-year-old girl disappeared last December while on her way to school. People in Vallejo wanted to make sure she was not forgotten. The previous night, they held a candlelight vigil to remember her.

ROAD RAGE DOG

MARCH 10, 2000 8:00 P.M. (08:22) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that animal lovers nationwide were reaching into their pocket book for a little dog killed in a road rage incident in San Jose. They had put up a 40 thousand-dollar reward to help find the man, who threw Leo into oncoming traffic the previous month. The reward was a nice gesture but some questioned people's priorities. That amount of money was apparently more than any sum ever offered to help solve high-profile missing children cases in Northern California. Meantime, police were putting together a sketch of the suspect, who was driving a dark sports utility vehicle with Virginia license plates.

AMIGOS TRAINING

MARCH 10, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:19) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that the program was called "Amigos" and it had brought police from Mexico to Riverside County for training. "Amigos" stood for American Mexican International Government Officer Support. Mexican officers had spent the last week in classrooms on the range and above it. They had been getting instruction on how officers worked in the U.S. One of the exercises is a simulator. Officers had to respond quickly to life-threatening situations.

CATHOLICS/CORN

MARCH 10, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:25) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported on no corned beef of Saint Patrick's Day. That year Saint Patrick's Day fell on a Lenten Friday, which meant no meat for Catholics. But in some dioceses such as Madison, Wisconsin, bishops were giving their flocks a blanket dispensation. One good thing about having Saint Pat's Day on a Friday was a celebrant had two days to recover.

U.S. AIRWAYS STRIKE

MARCH 10, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:34) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that U.S. Airways flight attendants were threatening to strike some but not all routes on March 25. In Pittsburgh, Union leaders released a list of 49 routes that may have been affected. Including those between Los Angeles and Baltimore and Los Angeles and Philadelphia. The union said the strikes could have occurred all at once or at random each day and it wanted travelers to be warned. The Airline had said it would shut down operations rather than endure a strike.

SPEED LIMIT

MARCH 10, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:28) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that higher speed limits on California freeways had not led to an increase in fatal traffic accidents. That was the findings of a study by the automobile club of southern California. The freeway speed limit went up to 65 or 70 on some highways in 1995, after the national speed limit of 55 was repealed. The study found that immediately after the speed limit was increased there were more non-serious accidents than before. However, those numbers soon declined.

CENTER GROUNDBREAKING

MARCH 12, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:37) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the Los Angeles Jewish home for the aging launched an ambitious fundraising campaign that day to renovate and expand its facilities. That day's groundbreaking ceremony brought together residents and special guests to launch a new 72 million-dollar project. The money raised funded the home's "special care building", a new "state-of-the-art" facility that will serve the needs of residents with Alzheimer's disease and other related illnesses. Expansion was completed; the home would increase its capacity level from 750 to more than 12 hundred.

CANINE MATH WHIZ

MARCH 12, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:42) TRT 00:19

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a dog in Ohio was able to do math. Isaac's owner said he was proficient in adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing. He said there were no tricks, eye or hand signals involved. One day he just held up some fingers and Issac barked the answer.

CARS IMPOUNDED

MARCH 12, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:44) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that some residents of San Bernardino found out the hard way that it was not a wise thing to get behind the wheel of a car when you are not perfectly legal. San Bernardino police set up a traffic safety checkpoint to ensure that drivers were licensed properly registered and insured. More than 50 cars ended up being impounded, over one hundred tickets issued and 17 people arrested. Police said those arrests ranged from narcotics related offenses to parole violations, to warrant arrests.

KITE FESTIVAL

MARCH 12, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:29) TRT 00:10

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that that day's weather drew thousands of people to Redondo Beach for a kite festival. Millions of kites are sold in the U.S. every year. They could run from about five dollars to several hundred.

CENSUS TACTICS

MARCH 12, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:24) TRT 00:13

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that tour buses were not the only way the census bureau was reaching out to get people to fill out census forms. Officials were also enlisting the nation's local religious leaders to influence their congregations to participate. Many illegal immigrants feared that if they responded to the census, their names would then be given to other agencies. Census officials insisted that wouldn't happen.

SMOKING MURAL

MARCH 14, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:24) TRT 00:05

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that the mural and billboard were paid for with part of a 100 thousand-dollar grant the schools received for tobacco prevention programs.

GOOSE RETURNS

MARCH 14, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:33) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reports on an oversized goose too large for the magic trick she once performed. In her retirement, Susan lived the good life, eating a lot of feed and making a lot of noise. Too much noise, in fact so her owners decided to take the goose a half-mile up the road, and set her loose. But Susan did not like the freedom. She preferred her pool in the back yard. Too big to fly, she walked the whole way home.

PRINCE PHILLIP

MARCH 15, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:24) TRT 00:22

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a Southland high school gave a royal welcome to a very special visitor. His Royal Highness Prince Philip visited with students at Westchester High that morning. He spoke with them about the congressional award program at their school, which was a lot like an international program he sponsored.

GIRL BUS HERO

MARCH 16, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:31) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that a 12-year-old Minnesota girl was being called a lifesaver. She came to the rescue of a bus full of classmates after the driver suffered a stroke. Samantha Redden said she knew something was wrong when the bus nearly hit a car. She immediately jumped into action. When the bus stopped she called 911. The 73-year-old driver and all 47 kids on the bus came through the incident without a scratch.

MADD BILLBOARD

MARCH 17, 2000 3:30 P.M. (3:37) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that Saint Patrick's Day was a traditional party time but it was also filled with potential danger on the roads. That was why mothers against drunk driving chose "that" day to unveil a new ad campaign, with billboards conveying a crucial message: designate a driver. MADD said last Saint Patrick's Day, 42 percent of all the fatal traffic accidents in the U.S. were alcohol related.

HORSE RESCUE

MARCH 17, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:24) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported on a dramatic rescue on Mount Wilson when a horse tumbles off a trail in Eaton Canyon. The mare was wedged up against a wooden wall at the edge of a 100-foot cliff. Volunteers held onto the animal until help arrived. A line of firefighters tied ropes around the mare, and

hoisted her to her feet. Amazingly, she was able to walk up the trail by herself. The mare's owner was on the animal. She was okay and helped to keep the mare calm.

CHERRY BLOSSOMS

MARCH 18, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:42) TRT 00:19

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that as legend had it; George Washington chopped down his father's cherry tree. Now hundreds of years later, sightseers gathered to watch the cherry trees bloom in the city that beared his name. These pinkish white blossoms that lined the tidal basin in the nation's capital had just a small window of opportunity to be viewed, ten to fourteen days.

CELEBRITY GOLF

MARCH 18, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:31) TRT 00:10

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the weather that day was perfect for golf, especially celebrity golf. Big name stars, led by actor Michael Douglas, were trying to win a million dollars in Rancho Palos Verdes, and they were doing it for charity.

GENESIS AWARDS

MARCH 18, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:27) TRT 00:32

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that "animals were people too". That was the message in Beverly Hills that night as celebrities gathered to honor those who advanced the cause of animal rights. Actors David Hyde Pierce and Wendie Malick co-hosted the annual genesis awards at the Beverly Hilton tonight. Among those being honored was eleven year old Jordy Brown, who adopted a bull and saved it from certain death in a Mexican bullring. Animal advocates said in saving the animals, people were really saving themselves. The genesis award was presented every year to those in the public eye that has helped promote animal welfare issues.

SOCIAL WORKERS

MARCH 21, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:12) TRT 00:35

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported on social workers that provided public services from caring for the sick and the welfare of children to maintaining the beaches, running libraries and staffing trauma center. Many of L.A. County social workers said their pay had not kept up with inflation. Many rallied in protest outside the L.A. county supervisors meeting. The social workers were demanding higher wages in contract negotiations. Many said they lived paycheck to paycheck and only wanted to send a message to county lawmakers. Protesters said wages were so low, many could not afford to own a home, pay for their child's college education or adequate childcare.

SWAT FUNERAL

MARCH 24, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:21) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the LAPD said good-bye to one of its own, killed during a training exercise the previous week. Officer Louis Villalobos was remembered as a tough cop with a heart of gold. Family, friends and other officers packed the "Rolling Hills Covenant Church" for that day's ceremonies. Villalobos was a 30-year veteran with the department.

CONSUMER

BEANIE BABIES

JANUARY 2, 2000 9:00 P.M. (09:11) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that it seemed the reports of the death of the beanie baby had been greatly exaggerated. The year before, TY Incorporated said it would retire the beanbag critters, but the company reconsidered, and put that decision to a vote. 91% of the 209-thousand people logging onto the company website wanted production to continue. Though the company had not made an official announcement, it had applied for trademarks on new beanie toys.

JENNY CRAIG

JANUARY 5, 2000 2:00 P.M. (02:03) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that it seemed not all Jenny Craig franchises were excited about the new Monica Lewinsky ad campaign. At least two Jenny Craig franchises in Wisconsin had decided against spending money for local TV ads featuring the former White House intern. The district manager of the two centers said Jenny Craig could have found a less controversial, more positive spokesperson than the woman at the center of a presidential sex scandal. The Jenny Craig Company said Lewinsky was a good role model for losing weight because she was successful on the program.

ELECTRONICS

JANUARY 6, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:13) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that it was opening day for the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. It is touted, as the world's largest. There were high-tech bells and whistles galore, including portable DVD players, state-of-the art loudspeaker systems, and flat screen TV's equipped with HDTV. The electronics show would continue through Sunday at the Las Vegas Convention Center. It was open only to those in the electronics industry.

GERMANY NIKE

JANUARY 7, 2000 9:00 P.M. (09:35) TRT 00:19

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that there was a toxic scare in Germany over sportswear giant Nike. Nike was conducting an investigation into claims that the shirts it produced for a German soccer club were laced with toxic

chemicals. The alleged chemical was a heavy metal compound used in ship paint. Some German stores pulled Nike shirts from their shelves, even though there was no prove that the shirts were tainted.

EBAY SCAMMER

JANUARY 7, 2000 9:00 P.M. (09:32) TRT 00:35

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that a Florida man was arrested for allegedly swindling dozens of customers on the Internet auction site, "E-BAY." Police said the man sold at least one hundred thousand dollars of electronics but never delivered them. The suspect was Michael Osborne of Sarasota. Authorities said Internet auctions were often a matter of 'buyer beware.' E-BAY said its service was safe because bidders who feel like they've been mistreated could warn other potential buyers, right on E-BAY.

POSTAL COSTS

JANUARY 11, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:04) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that consumers were likely to see another postage stamp price hike in the near future. The U.S Postal Service had begun the lengthy process of raising postage rates. This step could lead to new stamp prices early in two thousand and one. Under the proposal, a first-class stamp would go up a penny to 34 cents. Mailing a postcard would also go up a penny to 21 cents.

FORD ROLLOVER

JANUARY 12, 2000 12:00 P.M (12:21) TRT 00:19

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that Ford was responding to statistics that showed sport-utility vehicles were more prone to roll over than cars. The automaker said it would phase-in "side air-bag curtains" within the following three years. The airbags are designed to cover windows to prevent passengers from being ejected in rollover crashes. Ford said the new system would start showing up in some 2001 models as optional equipment.

MEDICARE HMO's

JANUARY 14, 2000 2:00 P.M. (02:18) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that a bad prediction at Medicare was giving HMO's billions of dollars of your money. Federal auditors said Congress over-estimated how much medical costs would increase and the government set Medicare payments to HMO's too high. It could cost the taxpayers 34 billion dollars over the next ten-years. Millions of older Americans on Medicare were enrolled in HMO's. A new law before Congress would fix the problem, but it was not yet approved.

CREDIT CARD DEBT

JANUARY 18, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:13) TRT 00:28

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that a report from the Consumer Federation of America found many consumers were paying off their credit cards faster and responding to fewer offers for new ones. Credit card borrowing was rising at a much slower pace. Consumers weren't the only ones taming their credit craze. Credit card companies decreased their mailings by half a billion the year before. Bankruptcies were also down 112-thousand from 1998.

MILK PRICES

JANUARY 20, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:06) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that rising milk production in the Western United States had lowered milk prices across the nation. It was good news for consumers but not good news for East Coast dairy farmers. Those farmers said the big drop in milk prices was hurting them financially, so much, so that many said they would be facing bankruptcy. Milk prices dropped more than six dollars per 100-pound of milk since that last September. It was the lowest price for milk since 1978.

FIESTA DIP RECALL

JANUARY 22, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:12) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that state health officials issued a recall that night for a popular dip called, "Fiesta Dip." The dip was distributed through Costco and Trader Joe's and it could be contaminated with bacteria that could cause severe illness. The three types of fiesta dips on the recall list were Senor Felix's Five-Layer Fiesta Dip, Delicioso Five-Layer Fiesta Dip, and Trader Joe's Five Layer Fiesta Dip. Health officials were looking at one confirmed and seven suspected cases of "shigellosis" linked to the fiesta dips. Shigellosis causes fever and cramps.

POKEMON DEATH

JANUARY 26, 2000 9:00 P.M. (09:31) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that another child had suffocated on a Pokemon toy from Burger King. It was one of the toys recalled the past month. The latest victim was a four-month old Indianapolis boy. The month before, a 13-month-old was found dead in her crib after choking on the toy. After her death, Burger King recalled millions of the toys placing announcements in newspapers and doctor's offices. The family of the latest victim said they knew nothing of the recall.

TRAVEL AIRFARE

JANUARY 31, 2000 12:00 P.M (12:13) TRT 00:37

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that traveling around the country was becoming more expensive for everybody. The following day, most U.S airlines were adding a 20-dollar round-trip surcharge to domestic flights. The added fee might even be a hidden cost that can only be noticed by looking closely at your ticket. One airline, Southwest, said it would not apply the surcharge, but would simply increase fares. The surcharge was being blamed on rising fuel costs.

DRUG MERGER

FEBRUARY 7, 2000 2:00 P.M. (02:14) TRT 00:22

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a pharmaceutical merger ended a bruising three-month take-over battle. Pfizer Incorporated was buying Warner Lambert Company. The merger was worth 90-billion dollars and would create the world's second largest pharmaceutical company. The new company would still be called Pfizer. Its products would include Viagra and Lipitor, the cholesterol-fighting drug. Warner-Lambert had earlier agreed to merge with American Home Products. Nearly two billion dollars were spent to sever its ties with that company. It was the largest breakup fee ever.

BUSINESS STORY

FEBRUARY 9, 2000 2:00 P.M. (02:11) TRT 00:13

KCAL9 anchor Alan Mendelson reported that United Airlines and Safeway Supermarkets announced that day a new deal that would give shoppers frequent flier miles when they shopped at Safeway stores, including Vons and Pavilions. The promotion would start in mid March. Frequent flier miles could be earned by shopping at supermarkets.

AIRBAGS

FEBRUARY 17, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:16) TRT 00:31

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a consumer advocate group was pressuring the government that night into keeping air bag testing standards the same. Currently, airbags are tested in cars traveling 30 miles an hour. Auto makers want that changed. Opponents said a change could cost hundreds of lives by allowing auto companies to install cheaper air bags. The Department of Transportation would make its decision the following day.

TRAVEL SCAMS

FEBRUARY 21, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:15) TRT 00:51

KCAL9 anchor Alan Mendelson reported that the American Society of Travel Agents was warning that travel scams were back. Frauds were moving to email

and the Internet. Internet users would have to watch out for solicitations asking them to reveal passwords, social security numbers and checking account numbers. Crooks used checking account numbers to create electronic checks. It was another way for a crook to loot an account.

YOUR MONEY

MARCH 1, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:18) TRT 00:13

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that the following Tuesday you would have the opportunity to vote on proposition 1A, the Indian gaming initiative.

SONY RECALL

MARCH 1, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:24) TRT 00:14

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that Sony was recalling more than 400 thousand battery packs because they could overheat or smoke during re-charging. The batteries were used in camcorders and portable DVD players. They were infolithium battery packs with model numbers NPF750 and NPF550. Sony said the battery packs may have had cracks in the seal cap. They would replace the device for free.

BURGER WARS

MARCH 2, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:32) TRT 01:20

KCAL9 anchor Alan Mendelson reported that the burger war was raging again and that was McDonald's new assembly line for food made to order. There was not going to be any more pre-packaged sandwiches. There was speedier equipment like automatic french fry maker. A new burger machine kept patties hot and ready. The restaurant added jobs to make the assembly lines work.

PLAYSTATION

MARCH 4, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:21) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that Sony ignited major excitement in Japan that day during its release of playstation two. Many Japanese teens camped out in front of stores to make sure they got a new system. Even Sony's website crashed because of a surge of advance orders. The playstation two would revolutionize the video game industry, with its Internet capacity and its ability to allow users to view DVD movies and listen to CDs. Playstation two would not be available in the states until later that year, and would cost about three hundred and seventy dollars.

INDIAN GAMING

MARCH 6, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:29) TRT 00:38

KCAL9 anchor Alan Mendelson reported on three Nevada casino companies that had deals with Indian tribes in California to develop, build and operate their casinos if Prop 1A passed the following Tuesday. They were also looking at the fine points of the proposed rules for the Indian casinos. The proposed rules would set the minimum gambling age in California at 18 years but only in places where alcohol is not served. Where alcohol is served, the minimum age was 21. In Nevada, the minimum age for casino gambling was 21 years, with no exception.

AVIATION FORECAST

MARCH 7, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:13) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that you would soon be flying the friendly skies a lot more often for a lot less. That was the latest prediction from the Federal Aviation Administration. The new FAA report predicted an airfare boom. In spite of increased supply and demand, the report said airfare ticket prices would fall by more than one percent each year for the following 12 years.

PHOTO RED LIGHT

MARCH 7, 2000 3:30 P.M. (3:41) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that next time you were thinking of running a red light, you should smile for your picture. Sixteen new photo red light catchers were going up throughout L.A. County. Red light runners were responsible for 260 thousand accidents a year. One of the biggest problems was the intersection at Wilshire Blvd and Sepulveda. If you were caught running a red light at one of the photo intersections it would take about two weeks to get your ticket in the mail.

GAS GIVEAWAY

MARCH 9, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:13) TRT 00:51

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that if you had been to the pumps, you had dealt with the pain. Gas prices were high and getting higher. Some Southland people got a major break that day. They got free gas. It was part of a radio promotion by star 98.7, a promotion that had people waiting up to 45 minutes to fill up at a Shell station in Glendale and saved some money. Traffic enforcement was called into help with the mess. Star said about 5 thousand gallons of gas were given away worth about 8 thousand dollars.

PLASTIC BEER

MARCH 9, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:14) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that from water to soda they sold everything in plastic bottles except suds. The Miller Brewing Company would roll out a barrel of fun in plastic beer bottles. The company claimed the plastic kept beer cold longer than aluminum cans and just as cold as beer in glass bottles. Plastic bottles also weigh less, which would please those beer hawkers at ball games.

FAST TAX REFUND

MARCH 10, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:17) TRT 01:47

KCAL9 reporter Alan Mendelson reported that H&R Block was using two new programs to speed refunds and cut costs for taxpayers. First, they have electronic filing at not extra cost. The previous year, Block charged 25 dollars for that. E filing could cut processing time from six to eight weeks down to two weeks. The second deal was that Block provided refund anticipation loans at no cost and that was saving taxpayers as much as 90 dollars in loan fees that year. With the refund anticipation loans, customers could pick up a check in one or two days. The checks could be processed quickly because the IRS told lenders if any of the tax refund was in jeopardy. Because lenders had this information, there was little risk the refund loans would go into defaults, so no fees.

X-BOX

MARCH 10, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:27) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that computer giant Microsoft was branching out right into the dollar video game industry. It was based on the Windows system and Microsoft promised movie-quality three-dimensional graphics. Players would be able to take on opponents around the world, access the Internet and watch their favorite movie on a built in DVD player. The X-Box would be available just in time for Christmas 2001.

AIRFARES

MARCH 10, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:22) TRT 01:25

KCAL9 reporter Alan Mendelson reported that airfares would be going up again and Continental Airlines started the fare hike that morning. Continental wanted long distance airfares such as cross-country fares to go up by forty dollars roundtrip. Shorter flights would go up less. The problem was the rising cost of jet fuel. The same way gasoline pump prices had been going up, jet fuel had been going up. They were not sure if the other airlines including the giants United and American would go along with that fare hike but analyst said they might. In January, ticket prices went up by twenty dollars because of rising fuel prices. The previous month, some airlines tried to push through another fare hike, but that one was cancelled after some airlines balked at a fare hike.

CAREGIVERS

MARCH 12, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:14) TRT 00:35

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that as the nation's population aged, many predicted the cost of long-term care would soon be out of reach for most families. President Clinton had proposed an annual three thousand dollar tax credit for people who needed long-term care, or for their families who provided that care. While the annual tax credit would not pay for all the long-term services that a severely disabled person needed, advocates said it would make a difference. Along with the tax credit, several leading members of Congress were also calling for a tax relief deduction that would help people purchase long term care insurance.

JAPAN ROBOT

MARCH 14, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:42) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that man's best friend was getting a makeover. Spot and Fluffy were chrome and computer chips. Japanese toy manufacturers have come up with a cat and dog robot. They developed the little guys to bark, and purr and crawl. The robot pets were due to go on sale the following autumn, costing around 29 dollars.

SMOG FEE DELAY

MARCH 14, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:43) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that after months of delays the DMV said the checks would soon be in the mail. Nearly a quarter million California motorists applied for the three hundred-dollar refund after a "smog impact fee" was declared illegal. That had been five months previous. The state blamed a dispute with car dealers for the delay but said the problem was almost resolved.

BOXER GAS

MARCH 16, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:27) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that California Senator Barbara Boxer had a plan to stop the rise of gas prices. She wanted the Federal Trade Commission to temporarily stop all major oil company mergers. She would introduce legislation to impose a ban on the exportation of Alaskan oil. The third part of her plan called on Congress to raise fuel economy standards for SUV's and light trucks.

CHOCOLATE DEBATE

MARCH 16, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:30) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the great debate in Europe had reached a bittersweet conclusion. British chocolate makers could not be happier. The European parliament had approved a directive to allow chocolate made with vegetable fats to be sold anywhere in the European Union. This had been a sticky issue for years because the French and Belgians were staunch believers that it was only chocolate if cocoa butter was used to make it. Until then British chocolates used vegetable oil to lighten their products and were penalized for it.

ONLINE CARS

MARCH 16, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:33) TRT 00:28

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that the Internet was a great source of information, but consumer reports magazine said not to do business there. The magazine asked more than a thousand consumers to get quotes from several different websites. The catch was dealers had to be within a hundred miles and they had to provide a price within two days. Only 35 percent of the shoppers received their quotes on time, leading the magazine to conclude you get better service if you went to the dealership yourself.

GAS TAXES

MARCH 16, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:40) TRT 01:30

KCAL9 reporter Alan Mendelson reported that there were two types of taxes on the gasoline you buy at the pump. There were the excise taxes and they were a fixed amount. There were also sales taxes and the sales tax bite had been getting bigger. Both the state and Uncle Sam had them, and they total 36 point 3 cents a gallon. That was a fixed amount and unless the state legislature or Congress voted for a rollback and the President or Governor signed the law, they would stay there. The second tax was that state and local sales tax. The sales tax was on average, about 8 percent in the state. But as the price of gasoline went up, the sales tax bite went up. Since January, the sales tax bite was up 3 cents a gallon and if these current prices held, then California drivers would pay an extra 450 million dollars in sales tax money that year. In January, gas dealers were making a mark-up or profit of 8 cents a gallon. To make up the loss, analysts said you could expect gas dealers to raise their prices a dime a gallon as soon as they could.

AREA CODE

MARCH 17, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:17) TRT 00:16

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that although it may have seemed like ten-digit dialing was becoming the norm those days, the Federal Communications Commission was ready to put the need for new area codes on

hold. The FCC had adopted new rules designed to slow down the need for new phone numbers.

V CHIP PURSUIT

MARCH 17, 2000 3:30 P.M. (3:34) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that technology helped police track down two suspected bank robbers. A computerized tracking device in a bank bag triggered the dangerous high-speed pursuit that started on the 55 freeway in Villa Park. The SUV narrowly missed several cars as the driver cut across lanes on our Southland freeways. The chase finally ended in Rubidoux when the SUV went off the road at the 60 and 215 freeway interchange. After a brief foot chase, the suspects were taken into custody.

EHOME.COM

MARCH 17, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:27) TRT 01:16

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that you could check out some homes on a new website ehome.com. The Web Company said it could save you time and money if you were a home seller. If you were a homebuyer, ehome.com said it could save you time and give you money when you buy. The website was how Ehome showed homes. At Ehome they used virtual tour technology to enable a buyer to come to our site and take a virtual tour of the home, see the bedrooms in the home, see the views it had, and it really allowed them to get good information about that property. Ehome charged sellers a flat fee for listing homes on its website, and a flat fee when the home is sold. Buyers got a rebate after the sale. The website also had calculators to show families what they could afford, and there were real estate agents to give a human touch.

GUN SETTLEMENT

MARCH 17, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:34) TRT 00:15

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported on a time out in the bitter fight between gun manufacturers and anti-gun proponents. Smith and Wesson bridged the gap by agreeing to make their handguns child resistant. The National Rifle Association had declined comment. The White House hoped other gun manufacturers followed Smith and Wesson's lead in making their handguns child resistant.

MTBE

MARCH 20, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:24) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that the Clinton Administration plans to ban the controversial gasoline additive called MTBE. California had already decided to outlaw the additive within three years. MTBE reduced smog emissions but it had been linked to contaminated groundwater and possible cancer. Refineries had to retool to add the MTBE formula, driving up gasoline

prices by ten cents. They would have to retool again sparking another potential price increase at a time when gasoline prices were sky high.

HMO PROTEST

MARCH 20, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:11) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that a huge anti HMO demonstration was set to be held in Los Angeles on April 1. Called Rescue Health Care Day, the rally would be part of a Nationwide protest in 24 cities, aimed at ending HMO and managed health care systems in the U.S. Local organizers believed HMO's were bad news for both doctors and patients. The biggest of the protests would be held here in L. A. starting at Paramount Studios, going through Larchmont and ending upon First Street. Organizers said they expected a very large crowd.

SUV SAFETY

MARCH 21, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:19) TRT 00:18

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the new safety features would soon become standard on many SUV's. Several automakers had agreed to make design changes making SUV's less dangerous during crashes. The changes included lowering underbody steel rails. Manufacturers said that would cut the risk of plowing over car bumpers in accidents. The new changes would start 2002.

SCOTUS/TOBACCO

MARCH 21, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:32) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported on a big blow that day to the Clinton Administration's anti-smoking campaign. In a five-to-four ruling, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed that the government did not have the authority to regulate tobacco as an addictive drug. The justices said Congress had not given the Food and Drug Administration the authority to regulate tobacco products. The FDA overarched when it reversed its decades-long policy in 1996, in an effort to crack down on cigarette sales to minors. The Justice Department had no immediate comment on the ruling.

BIG TOOTHBRUSH

MARCH 21, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:39) TRT 00:21

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported on the new toothbrush the Navigator. It was one of several toothbrushes available with a flexible head. It was designed to reach those hard to get to back teeth. Regardless of Navigator's high tech look, curved lines and rubber grips, its effectiveness was not out of the ordinary. The navigator cleaned like other soft tip toothbrushes that cost less.

SOCIAL SECURITY

MARCH 22, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:24) TRT 00:29

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that the Senate had approved a big boon for Social Security recipients who continued to work. By a vote of 100 to zero, senators agreed to let recipients collect their full benefits no matter what they earned. The house had already passed the measure. About 800 thousand people remained on the job through their late 60's. Under current law, they started losing a third of their social security benefits, when their income topped 17 thousand dollars a year.

CREDIT FRAUD

MARCH 23, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:28) TRT 00:15

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that three Southland teenagers were behind bars for credit card fraud. Investigators in Walnut said the teens used computers to record unprotected or "un-encrypted" credit card numbers belonging to Internet shoppers. The alleged con-artists hauled in 15 thousand dollars worth of BB guns, video games, and electronics.

U.S. AIRSTRIKE

MARCH 24, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:12) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that contract negotiations between U.S. Airways and its flight attendants continued at this hour. The flight attendants had threatened random walkouts if there was no deal by nine o'clock Pacific time. U.S. Airways said it would shut down rather than face walkouts if a contract agreement could not be struck.

CRIME

DOWNTOWN SHOOTING

JANUARY 2, 2000 9:00 P.M. (09:11) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that a robbery suspect was hospitalized overnight after allegedly trying to rob an off-duty L.A. police officer. The shooting happened around three a.m. outside the galaxy nightclub on Olive Street. Police said the suspect, identified as 23-year-old Fermin Barbosa jumped out of a car and pointed a weapon at off duty officer James Railey. Railey drew his own pistol and fired. Barbosa was hospitalized with a non-life threatening injury. Officers said the weapon recovered from the scene turned out to be a pellet gun.

MARIO PAZ

JANUARY 3, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:05) TRT 00:40

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that the family of a Compton man killed in a drug raid was suing officials in Compton and El Monte. 64-year-old Mario Paz was shot to death the previous August when El Monte police burst into his Compton house. His family was suing for wrongful death, saying the police raided the wrong house and shot the retiree twice in the back. After the raid, El Monte police said evidence from the drug bust in Chino led them to the Paz house. El Monte police said they shot Paz when it appeared he was reaching for a gun, but his widow denied that.

HOSPITAL ATTACK

JANUARY 5, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:13) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that San Bernardino police were holding a man they said posed as a doctor and sexually assaulted three hospital patients. Police arrested 36-year-old Reginald Mabry. Mabry was arrested the night before with the help of viewers who had recently see him and notified police. Authorities charged that Mabry fondled three patients at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center two months prior. Mabry was a registered sex offender.

LIFE SENTENCE

JANUARY 6, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:17) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that an Iranian immigrant was sentenced that day to life in prison without parole. Jorjik Avanesian was convicted the previous June in the deaths of his wife and six children. He set fire to their Glendale home in February 1996. All were inside and all were killed.

RESTAURANT SHOOTING

JANUARY 9, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:07) TRT 00:14

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that the hung was on that night for three killers who invaded a family restaurant in South Gate. Their brazen attack started as an armed robbery but quickly exploded into a murder. The killers left their victim dying in his daughter's arms. Witnesses said the killers were three Hispanic men, each about five feet, ten inches tall. The men wore gray hooded sweatshirts and blue pants.

COMPTON BODY

JANUARY 10, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:11) TRT 00:16

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that there was a clue that night in a Compton murder mystery. The identity of a woman whose body was found stuffed in a duffel bag on a Compton street a week before was 38-year-old Carmen Villegas. Friends saw the composite drawing released by Police. They said Villegas was last seen alive near her home in L.A on New Year's day. The victim was found stabbed several times.

MOLESTATION PLEA

JANUARY 12, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:04) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that a chaplain accused of molesting two little girls admitted that he did it. 67-year-old Fernando Deliz of Fullerton pleaded guilty to performing sex acts on the girls ages 8 and 11 on separate occasions. In one case, he took a girl from his own birthday party to his apartment, when the girl's mother thought he was taking her to the store. Deliz was expected to receive five years when in his sentencing come March.

CAR MURDER

JANUARY 14, 2000 8:00 P.M. (08:15) TRT 00:19

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a suspected drug deal could have led to a shooting in a Southland neighborhood. Horrified residents watched as two elderly men were shot trying to run from the gunmen. It happened in Montecito Heights after the men took a wrong turn down a dead-end street.

WEAPONS SEIZED

JANUARY 18, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:17) TRT 00:17

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that Los Angeles Sheriff's deputies seized nearly two-dozen weapons in a surprise early morning raid. The

weapons, ranging from assault rifles to handguns all came out of Lynwood. The raid came after a fatal shooting that the deputies were investigating.

LAPD GANG UNIT

JANUARY 19, 2000 3:30 P.M. (03:32) TRT 00:32

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that L.A Police Chief Bernard Parks said three of his officers should be prosecuted for the Rampart corruption scandal. Parks isn't giving names but said they all worked in the Anti-gang Crash Unit at Rampart Division. They worked with former officer Raphael Perez. Perez had agreed to testify about planted evidence and police shootings in return for a plea bargain on cocaine charges. The district attorney will have the final say on who will be prosecuted.

MEXICO GRAVESIGHT

JANUARY 20, 2000 2:00 P.M. (02:13) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that Mexican officials said they had called off a massive search for bodies supposedly buried at ranches near the Texas border. Months of digging uncovered nine bodies, all apparently victims of drug smugglers. An informant had said there might be as many as 100 bodies buried there. Five people had been detained in the investigation. So far, none had been charged. Prosecutors said they were interviewing more witnesses to the drug killings. No new burial sites had been identified.

SLASHING DEATH

JANUARY 22, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:14) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that Gerald Johnson was insisting he didn't stab his best friend's parents to death as they slept in their Garden Grove home. In a jailhouse interview with Orange County Register, the 19-year-old said if he was on the jury, he would believe that he was guilty too. But, Johnson said he was home partying with three friends including the victim's son on the night of the murders. Johnson acknowledged he left the party in the middle of the night, but he says he went for a jog.

ROAD RAGE

JANUARY 24, 2000 8:00 P.M. (08:32) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that police were asking for the public's help in finding a killer. Detectives said the suspect fatally shot a driver in a fit of road rage. It happened Saturday night on the Artesia Freeway in Cerritos. L.A County Sheriff's deputies said 28-year-old Shawn Davis and a passenger were being tailgated by a late-model Jeep Cherokee. The Cherokee pulled up alongside Davis and an argument began. Deputies said the passenger in the Cherokee allegedly shot and killed Davis.

LOBOS PRELIMINARY

JANUARY 27, 2000 8:00 P.M. (08:12) TRT 00:38

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that there was disturbing testimony in the preliminary hearing of Gabriel Gomez. He was accused of kidnapping and killing Sandra Rosas, the wife of Los Lobos band member Cesar Rosas. Gomez sat motionless as a detective recounted the chilling telephone call made by daughters of his half-sister, Sandra Rosas. On October 23rd, they returned to find the front door open, shattered glass in the driveway and the van missing. There was no sign of their mother so they called her cell phone and overheard terrifying threats. The judge ruled that there was enough evidence to try Gomez for murder and kidnapping. Rosas body was not yet found.

SOUTHSIDE RAPISPT

JANUARY 28, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:14) TRT 00:28

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that it took years, but a suspect had been identified in a string of rapes. Since 1995 police had been looking at a sketch, hoping to find the person responsible for several "southside rapes" in the Ocean Park area of Santa Monica. Charges were being prepared against 28-year-old Israel Hardin, a career criminal already in custody. Suspect Hardin was sentenced to life in prison that afternoon for "three strikes" convictions involving carjacking and robberies unrelated to the rape cases.

ILLINOIS DEATH

JANUARY 31, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:29) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that the Governor of Illinois was putting a halt to all executions in his state. He wanted an investigation into the Illinois Capital punishment system. Recently, 13 prisoners had their death penalty cases overturned when it was determined they were "not guilty." One man came within two days of being executed before a "college journalism class" proved his innocence. Governor George Ryan said he supported the death penalty, but did not want innocent people executed because of mistakes.

TRIPLE HOMICIDE

FEBRUARY 2, 2000 8:00 P.M. (08:11) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that tragedy stroke three times for one family in Lakewood after a woman allegedly killed her parents and then took her own life. Early that morning, Sheriff's Deputies were called to the home by another daughter who escaped unharmed. The victims, Cal and Mary Schelhaas were both 69 years old. Their daughter Janet Schleps was 44 years old. All three were found shot in the upper body. Sheriffs were trying to figure out what provoked the shooting spree.

RIVERSIDE COPS

FEBRUARY 4, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:09) TRT 00:35

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that two ex-police officers accused in the shooting of Tyisha Miller were blaming their employer and that left them out in the cold. Miller was shot repeatedly as she sat in her car. Police claimed she was reaching for a gun on her lap. The city of Riverside represented all the involved officers together to make a stronger defense. But, officers Paul Bugar and Daniel Hotard said the tragedy happened, because they weren't properly trained. They also rejected the city attorney defending them. Riverside responded by separating the officers from the defense, leaving them personally liable. Hotard and Bugar were also suing community activists who referred to them as racists and murderers.

HOME INVASION

FEBRUARY 8, 2000 2:00 P.M. (02:13) TRT 00:21

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that police were looking for the people who forced their way into a Van Nuys home overnight. The suspects knocked on the front door of the home. When a man answered, four to five men in their late teens or early 20's forced their way in. Two of the suspects held family members at gunpoint while the others ransacked the house. Police said the phone line to the house was out. The suspects made off with a small amount of money.

CHILD ABDUCTION

FEBRUARY 9, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:06) TRT 00:45

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that there were amazing developments in the story of a 5-year-old girl who was kidnapped, beaten, and almost killed. The suspect, Rafael Sanchez, was in custody. The girl was abducted that Monday night as she was riding her bike in front of her Santa Ana apartment. Police said Sanchez approached her, inviting her to go to the park. He then allegedly attacked the girl in the men's restroom, and tried to strangle her. Police said the girl's screams scared the suspect away, and probably saved her life.

SPORTS ARENA

FEBRUARY 11, 2000 9:00 P.M. (09:17) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that an LAPD officer shot and killed a man who fired into a crowd injuring three people during a Motown-style concert the night before. The shooting occurred about 10:50 p.m. in a concession area at the Los Angeles Sports Arena. An officer entering the area apparently saw a shooting in progress and returned fire. That officer was part of a special detail sent to patrol the event. Three other people were wounded in the shooting. One was seriously hurt.

NIGHTCLUB SHOOTING

FEBRUARY 13, 2000 9:00 P.M. (09:15) TRT 00:45

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that four people died and one was still in the hospital, following a nightclub shooting in Riverside County. It happened at the "El Dandy" restaurant and nightclub in Perris. Police said a man with a semi-automatic handgun opened fire after an argument. Police saw a man running from the scene and said he tried to get rid of the weapon. They arrested him and confiscated the gun. The names of the victims had not been released.

PURSUIT

FEBRUARY 17, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:19) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that it was a wild ending to a police chase that night. A woman got into a wrestling match with three CHP officers. The woman rolled to a stop and got out of her car on the northbound 101 Freeway at Vermont Avenue and approached an officer. A fight broke out when he tried to arrest her. Two other officers joined in to subdue the struggling suspect. The freeway pursuit started about ten minutes earlier when officers tried to stop the car to investigate a possible registration violation and driving under the influence. The woman was finally taken into custody.

ALVAREZ PLEA

FEBRUARY 18, 2000 9:00 P.M. (09:06) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that the man accused of killing a teenage girl in Ojai two years ago confessed to the crime. David Alvarez pleaded not guilty that day to the December 1998 murder of 14-year-old Kali Manley. Manley was last seen getting a ride from Alvarez at a Circle K Store. He eventually led authorities to her body. Alvarez was set to go on trial on that following Tuesday.

CAB MURDER

FEBRUARY 21, 2000 3:30 P.M. (03:34) TRT 00:31

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that police were investigating the shooting deaths of two cab drivers killed in separate incidents in the Inland Empire. The first shooting happened the night before in Bloomington. The 26-year-old driver was found shot to death a few blocks away from his yellow cab. Neighbors reported hearing one shot hours later. Another yellow cab driver was found shot to death in a residential area of Pomona. Neighbors reported hearing the gunfire erupt. Investigators had no suspects in the murders and were still trying to determine whether the two murders were connected.

HIT AND RUN

FEBRUARY 22, 2000 2:00 P.M. (02:14) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that it was an emotional morning for the family and friends of a seven-year old boy. Alexander Sanna who was killed by a hit and run driver was buried that day. His memorial service was at Forest Lawn in Glendale. Sanna was killed one week before as he crossed a street with his brother in Eagle Rock. That day, Alexander's school had a moment of silence for their friend. The driver turned himself in after the Sanna family made a tearful plea. Alexander's brother said the driver stopped just long enough to dislodge the boy's body and then drove on. The 20-year-old suspect was charged with vehicular manslaughter.

OFFICER PLEA

MARCH 1, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:04) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a Santa Monica police officer that allegedly posed as a contract killer pleaded not guilty that day. Officer Kenneth Maurice Scott was accused of masquerading as a hit man and pocketing 75 hundred dollars for the so-called "hit." The 41-year-old Santa Monica cop is charged with conspiracy, grand theft and receiving stolen property. Scott was a patrol officer for the past three and a half years. Bail was set at 50 thousand dollars.

SERIAL ASSAULT

MARCH 1, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:10) TRT 00:15

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a 16-year-old Bellflower girl fought off a possible serial rapist and got away. That night police said the same sexual predator may have been connected to attacks in Paramount and Santa Fe Springs.

SCHOOL DRUGS

MARCH 1, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:12) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that an elementary school janitor pleaded "not guilty" to selling marijuana to students. That was where police said the drug sales went on, at award-winning Cubberly Elementary School in Long Beach. A letter sent out to parents explained what happened. One 13-year-old boy was arrested and charged with misdemeanor possession.

RAMPART REACTION

MARCH 1, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:16) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that the internal investigation of the LAPD scandal had produced a scathing indictment of the Rampart division. It

said a macho "us-versus-them" mentality was pervasive among anti-gang officers who acted as if they were above department rules. There had been widespread reaction to the report from the top brass to the man on the street.

PARKS INQUIRY

MARCH 1, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:21) TRT 00:18

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported on major new developments in the Rampart Police scandal. The LAPD condemned its own in a top-to-bottom review. Police commanders were said to have fostered a culture of mediocrity, which allowed officers to commit crimes, and frame innocent people.

COPS ROB STORE

MARCH 1, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:13) TRT 00:31

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that a Chicago convenience store owner said a group of police detectives was stealing from his store and he was suing. The owner said this surveillance videotape proved his claim. Grocer Nazmi Yousef said he was suing the detectives for unlawful search and violating his civil rights. He claimed the officers entered his store last September to investigate allegations that a clerk had agreed to buy a truckload of stolen baby formula. Yousef claimed the search was illegal because the officers never gave him a warrant. The grocer claimed the detectives took cigarettes and bottles of vodka.

COURT SHOOTING

MARCH 1, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:15) TRT 00:15

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported on a shooting that happened on the 8th floor of the Federal Building. The body of an Internal Revenue Service agent was found on a copy room floor.

SCHOOL SHOOTING

MARCH 1, 2000 3:30 P.M. (3:33) TRT 00:16

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a small Michigan town was still in shock after the previous day's deadly shooting of a six-year-old girl by a classmate. That day police were saying the gun used in the shooting was stolen. The six-year-old boy who allegedly did the shooting was from a broken home.

CONTAINER BODY

MARCH 2, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:04) TRT 00:15

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that autopsy results were pending that night on the decomposed body of a woman, found at a Long Beach home. The man who lived there was in custody. Edwin Douglas Marquis allegedly called 911,

saying he had killed his girlfriend. Police searched his home the previous day and found a decomposed body.

CARNEY PRELIM

MARCH 1, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:22) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a former Palmdale city councilman would stand trial on child molestation charges. A judge that day ruled there was enough evidence to require Kevin Carney to stand trial on 18 charges that he molested four girls, starting when they were young. Carney was a former Sheriff's Sergeant, who once supervised a child abuse unit. The judge that day did reduce Carney's bail from 2 million dollars to 1 million dollars. Both Carney and his family insisted he was innocent.

TRUCK HIJACK

MARCH 2, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:17) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that Redlands police responded to the call of a man allegedly kidnapped and truck-jacked. The man told police he was approached at gunpoint as he got into a truck in the Pico Rivera area that morning. Police said the suspects apparently forced him to lie on the floorboard of the truck and drove onto the freeway. Police said the victim was left inside the cab of the truck in Redlands.

PURSUIT STANDOFF

MARCH 2, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:24) TRT 00:28

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported on a pursuit, a standoff, and then an arrest. It was a dramatic end to a standoff as police with guns drawn tried to get a suspect to get out of his car. The suspect eventually made the right decision and a short time later got out. Police rushed him, took him down to the ground and arrested him. It all started when police responded to an assault with a deadly weapon call and saw the suspect speed away from the scene.

IRS SHOOTING

MARCH 2, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:27) TRT 00:28

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that investigators were continuing to search for clues to what led to the shooting death of an Internal Revenue Service agent. It happened that afternoon at the Federal Courthouse in Santa Ana. The agent was found on the floor in a copy room. He had been shot in the head. He died a short time later at a hospital. A weapon was found near his body. However; police did not know if it belonged to the agent. Authorities said it was unclear whether the shooting was a suicide or murder.

IRVINE SHOOTING

MARCH 2, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:30) TRT 00:16

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that investigators in Orange County said the shooting of an Irvine Businessman was a hit. They thought money was the motive, and they said there was a bizarre trail of evidence to prove it. One suspect made an appearance in court that day, two others were still on the loose.

KID SHOT

MARCH 2, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:32) TRT 00:28

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that an environment of drugs and neglect might have led to the previous day's tragic shooting of a six-year-old Michigan girl. 6-year-old Kayla Rolland died after being shot in the chest. Police said the 6-year-old boy who did the shooting was likely the victim of neglect, describing his home as a place of chaos.

MCDONALD'S SHOOTING

MARCDH 2, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:40) TRT 00:19

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that investigators said a gunman started his shooting rampage at his apartment and then went out into the street. He fired randomly at two fast food restaurants before holing himself up in an office. Police finally were able to talk him into surrendering. The terrifying shooting took place in Wilksburg, Pennsylvania, near Pittsburgh.

GIRLFRIEND SLAYING

MARCH 2, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:07) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that a CHP dispatcher would be spending a long time on the other side of the law. 32-year-old Anthony Shivers was convicted that day of first-degree murder for the 1997 murder of his ex-girlfriend. Jeanette Cohen's body was found stuffed in a box in a remote area of Simi Valley. Police believed he set a small fire nearby to conceal the evidence. He faced a maximum sentence of life in prison.

ARMED PURSUIT

MARCH 3, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:04) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a robbery suspect led police on a high-speed chase over three Southland freeways and through two counties. The suspect raced along the 14 freeway into Kern County. He kept his pedal to the metal for more than an hour. But finally near Mojave, he hit a spike strip police had placed over the freeway and was forced to stop a short time later. He pulled over and surrendered peacefully. The suspect was armed and was wanted for a string of bank robberies in the San Fernando Valley.

VEGAS HEIST

MARCH 3, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:13) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported on terror on the streets of Henderson Nevada that night. Two men were dead, three bags of money were missing and a gang of robbers was on the loose. It all went down at the strip mall just ten miles outside of Vegas. Masked gunmen carrying assault rifles gunned down two armored truck drivers delivering bags of money to a store. Police said the heist was well orchestrated. The men used four different cars to get away with no word on how much loot they stole.

HACK ATTACK

MARCH 3, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:17) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a 17-year-old boy that was questioned about last month's Internet assault said he was only joking when he claimed responsibility for the attacks. The FBI had questioned Dennis Moran twice about the crippling strike that shut down such sites as Yahoo. Moran said he bragged to his online friends in a chat room. An administrative official was in the chat room also.

STOLEN COMPUTERS

MARCH 3, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:20) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that detectives recovered more than 500 thousand dollars worth of stolen computers overnight. The "hot" computers were at a warehouse in the 4 thousand block of West Pico Boulevard. Most of the computers were Hewlett-Packard models. A 14-foot U-Haul truck packed with printers and hardware was also recovered. Detectives believed the computers were stolen from tractors, trailers in either Carson or the San Diego area. The computers would eventually be returned to their owners.

ROBBERY OIS

MARCH 3, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:23) TRT 00:32

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that an off-duty police officer walked in on a robbery in progress that morning and a gun battle broke out. It happened at "budget hobbies" at 78th place in South L.A. about 11 that morning. Police said the officer walked into the store and found two employees tied up, and an armed robbery suspect inside. The officer exchanged gunfire with the suspect, wounding him. Two other suspects outside then confronted him, and more shots were fired. Those suspects got away. The wounded suspect was taken to a local hospital. The officer was not hurt.

IRVINE SHOOTING

MARCH 3, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:31) TRT 00:10

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported on a strange new turn in an already strange case. Irvine Police have called a Hazmat team into the investigation of a botched hit job. It started with the shooting of an Irvine businessman, then the suicide of his partner, and a toxic scare.

CAT KILLER

MARCH 7, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:13) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported on an Orange County woman that was apparently found cooking a skinned cat in her oven and could go to prison for more than four years. Debra Kincaid was arrested that morning and charged with three counts of animal cruelty. She was accused of killing her three cats at her Costa Mesa home. Kincaid reportedly told a neighbor she killed two of the cats during a psychotic episode. If convicted, Kincaid could spend more than four years in prison.

SEX OFFENDER

MARCH 7, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:17) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a Garden Grove community was up in arms because one of their new neighbors was a registered sex offender. Eldon West was recently paroled, after serving a sentence for rape and sodomy. He registered with local law enforcement, as required, under Megan's law. Once the neighbors found out, they took their anger to his front doorstep.

ARREST DEATH

MARCH 4, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:20) TRT 00:16

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a South L.A. family said Sheriff's Deputies were guilty of murder. The family claimed that deputies beat a man to death the previous Thursday night, less than a block from his home. The family had hired a lawyer to help them find justice.

BACA/SHERIFF

MARCH 4, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:24) TRT 00:33

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the ongoing corruption scandal in the LAPD was having a ripple effect on other law enforcement agencies. L.A. County Sheriff Lee Baca said he was considering a proposal that would introduce civilians to his department's Internal Affairs section. Baca told the L.A. Times the move would restore the confidence of both the deputies and the public in how deputies were monitored. Baca said the Rampart Division corruption probe also spurred him to speed up audits of several department sections. Baca's proposal

was a break from a tradition where law enforcement agencies usually launch internal investigations without outside input.

CABBIES MURDER

MARCH 4, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:36) TRT 00:28

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported on a break in the case of two cab drivers killed in San Bernardino County. The suspected killer was behind bars that night after authorities caught up with him in Ohio. 25-year-old Jovan Wilson faced homicide and felony hit and run charges. He was wanted for the February killings of a cab driver in Pomona and another in Bloomington. Wilson was also suspected in two armed robberies and taxi carjackings in San Bernardino County. He was being held on one million dollars bail.

BODY IN TRUNK

MARCH 4, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:12) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that the owner of that apartment building knew the car did not belong to any of the residents so he called the police. When they arrived, officers discovered a body but few clues as to who she was or how she died.

HACK ATTACK

MARCH 5, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:11) TRT 00:32

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that a 17-year-old boy that was questioned about the previous month's Internet assault said he was only joking when he claimed responsibility for the attacks. Dennis Moran of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire admitted to using the name "Coolio" to hack several websites. But Moran said he was not the one who gained access to Yahoo and other national sites. The FBI had questioned him twice about the attacks. Moran said it was because he bragged to his on-line friends in a chat room. He had not realized the chat room was being monitored. The charges had not been filed yet.

MATASAREANU

MARCH 5, 2000 9:00 P.M (9:14) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that a former police officer testified that he lay wounded in the street for a half-hour at the North Hollywood bank robbery shootout. The family of robber Emil Matasareanu was suing the LAPD, claiming police intentionally allowed him to die. Matasareanu was shot 29 times and lay handcuffed on the street for about an hour. Former officer Martin Whitfield testified he was shot four times, but also had to wait for help because of the gun battle raging in the streets.

KIDNAPPED GIRL

MARCH 6, 2000 3:30 P.M. (3:33) TRT 00:33

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that police were looking for an 11-year-old Laguna Hills girl abducted on her way to school that morning. Guadalupe Vasquez Hernandez was on her way to school when she was picked up by a man and taken away. The suspect was this man, 21-year-old Assael Perez. He was a family friend, whom the Hernandez family thought was paying too much attention to the girl. Police feared Perez would try to take the girl to Mexico.

SLA HEARING

MARCH 6, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:11) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a judge had set an August date for the trial of former SLA fugitive Sara Jane Olson. Olson was charged with conspiring to murder by allegedly planting bombs under police cars in 1975. The judge said he was disturbed by a report that Olson and her attorney violated his gag order by discussing the case on TV in February.

KIDNAPPED GIRL

MARCH 6, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:13) TRT 00:10

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a Laguna Hills family desperately waited for word of a kidnapped 11-year-old girl. That night investigators feared her abductor had taken her into Mexico.

GOOD SAMARITAN

MARCH 7, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:12) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a Good Samaritan was shot while doing a good deed. Downey police were looking for the shooter. Marcelo Jimenez said he saw a man and a woman arguing over a purse at a Downey gas station the previous night. Police believed it might have been an attempted robbery. Jimenez said he stepped in to help and the suspect shot him in both legs. Jimenez, who had a wife and three children may walk from a limp but said he didn't regret his good deed.

BABY KIDNAP

MARCH 7, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:18) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the two women who were suspected of kidnapping a 6-month old girl from Los Angeles made it as far as Arizona. Chamberlain Cotton and Cari Ann Gleason were picked up with the baby as they were getting off a Greyhound Bus in Safford, Arizona. The baby's mother reported her daughter missing the previous day after returning from a trip to the store. The baby had been left with cotton. Mother and child would be united the following day.

HOTEL ROBBERY

MARCH 7, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:15) TRT 00:22

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that Claremont Police were searching for two robbers who held up a night clerk at a Howard Johnson's Hotel. The previous night two men walked into the Claremont Hotel on Indian Hill Boulevard. They tied up the night clerk and made off with the cash. The clerk was kicked in the face during the robbery. The two suspects were in their 20's and were seen driving away in a hatchback.

SCHOOL SHOOTING

MARCH 7, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:18) TRT 00:34

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported on chilling 911 tapes released from the previous week's Michigan school shooting, as President Clinton got ready to meet the mother of the 6-year-old victim. Police said one of Kayla Roland's classmates shot and killed her. Her mom said she had a problem with a 6-year-old boy who lived in what police described as a crack house. That day, authorities released the 911 call made by a teacher as operators tried to talk her through CPR.

HALLE BERRY

MARCH 9, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:11) TRT 00:33

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported on an angry reaction that day from Halle Berry's publicist to suggestions that the actress was drunk or on drugs at the time of her recent car accident. Berry was under investigation for hit and run for allegedly leaving the scene of the accident in West Hollywood the previous month. The other driver, Heta Raythatha, suffered a broken wrist in the crash. She filed suit the previous day with her attorney insinuating that Berry was under the influence, although he admitted he had no proof. Berry's publicist called that "dishonest and reprehensible" accusing the other side of trying to take advantage of an unfortunate situation.

OLYMPIAN ARRESTED

MARCH 10, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:07) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that Olympic track gold medallist Linetta Wilson and another woman had pleaded innocent to drug charges. Wilson and Andrea Dewitt entered their pleas in a Santa Ana courtroom. They were arrested the previous day in Irvine. Bail was set at 100 thousand dollars. Wilson won her gold medal at the 1992 Olympics.

JUVENILES SHOT

MARCH 9, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:12) TRT 00:29

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that three young boys were recovering that night from gunshot wounds after being fired at for no apparent reason. It happened in a quiet Ontario neighborhood. Augustin Fuentes and two other kids between the ages of 10 and 14 had just finished playing in the park the previous day when the shots rang out. Luckily, none of them suffered life threatening injuries. The bullets made holes as big as quarters in nearby homes. No one got a good look at the suspect. Police said it appeared the shooting was random.

RAPE INVESTIGATION**MARCH 9, 2000 3:30 P.M. (3:36) TRT 00:17**

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that Los Angeles Police had arrested a man suspected of being the "faith healer rapist." 49-year-old Carlos Hugo Catalan was being held in jail on two million dollars bail. He was suspected of seven rapes. Police said Catalan's victims ranged in age from 12 to 43 years. Detectives were asking other possible victims to come forward.

FINANCIAL MURDER**MARCH 10, 2000 3:30 P.M. (3:37) TRT 00:28**

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that in Newport Beach prosecutors were trying to convince a judge they had enough evidence to try Eric Bechler. They claimed he killed his wife for 2 million dollars in insurance money. 32-year-old Bechler said his 38-year-old wife Peggy was washed overboard on a boating trip in July of 1997. Prosecutors said he hit the mother of three over the head with a dumbbell and threw her overboard. Her body had never been recovered.

PRINCIPAL MURDER**MARCH 14, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:07) TRT 00:25**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that a man convicted of killing a popular principal would live out the rest of his life in prison. A life sentence plus 52 years was what Alex Vega received for the January 1998 murder of George Blackwell, a Downey High School Vice-Principal. Another defendant, Monica Chavez, has already been convicted. Her boyfriend, Gilbert Rubio, the accused triggerman was still awaiting trial.

PRIESTLEY**MARCH 14, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:13) TRT 00:22**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported on developments that night in the drunken driving case against actor Jason Priestley. Priestley was arrested, and charged after crashing his Porsche in the Hollywood Hills the previous December. Prosecutors were offering to reduce the charges from a felony to a misdemeanor. The former "Beverly Hills 90210" star is currently out on bail working on a play in London. His preliminary hearing was pushed back to the end of March.

RAMSEY**MARCH 14, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:19) TRT 00:19**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a former detective on the Jonbenet Ramsey case said the girl's parents were wrongly accused of murder. Retired detective Lou Smit said authorities should focus their investigation on the evidence, not the Ramsey's. He said evidence such as a metal baseball bat outside the home, and a track of leaves inside the basement pointed to an intruder.

PURSUIT**MARCH 15, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:12) TRT 00:23**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported on an erratic police chase through the San Fernando Valley that evening that ended with the suspect crashing his van into

parked cars. Police tried to stop the man for suspicion of drunk driving. He took off and led police in circles around Canoga Park before crashing. He took off on foot but did not get very far. Paramedics were treating him for minor injuries.

FATAL SHOOTING

MARCH 15, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:15) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a gunman strolled into a Pomona neighborhood opening an apartment door, and opening fire. Police said they had no motive and no suspects. A 45-year-old man was shot to death in the front door to his apartment on Kingsley Avenue. Steven Grant's brother was in another room and heard the shots. He tried CPR but it was too late. Police are hoping someone saw something that could help them track down the killer.

METH LAB BUSTS

MARCH 16, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:16) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor reports several suspects were behind bars and several meth labs put out of business as drug agents staged raids in three cities, Fullerton, Banning and Pomona. In Fullerton, four people were arrested as agents seized seven gallons of methamphetamine. In Pomona they shut down a dangerous lab just a short distance from a school.

PARK/RIDE MURDER

MARCH 16, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:21) TRT 00: 29

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that authorities hoped a big reward would help lead them to a killer. An 18-year-old woman was gunned down in her car at a Palmdale park and ride the previous month. The family of Michele O'Keefe returned that day to the parking lot where she was murdered to make an emotional public appeal for help in catching her killer. O'Keefe was shot and killed on February 22nd. Her body was found in her car. A 10 thousand-dollar reward was being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of her killer.

ANIMAL CRUELTY

MARCH 16, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:23) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that a Southland racehorse was abused and its owner, trainer, and vet had been blamed. Prosecutors said it was a case of animal cruelty. Race horses and show horses were thought to get the best care in the world. However, the defendants were charged with "tail blocking", an illegal procedure done by injecting the horse's tail with alcohol to prevent twitching when it was entered in show competition.

DEPUTY MOLEST

MARCH 16, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:27) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that there would be no bail for accused child molester Kevin Carney. He would stay in jail. The retired Sheriff's Sergeant asked a judge that day to lower his bail from a million dollars. Carney, his wife, his brother and his two adult sons all assured the judge that Carney would not flee, if freed, but the judge rejected that argument. Carney faced trial

on 18 sex and molestation counts involving four girls.

RAMPART FILE

MARCH 16, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:12) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the LAPD had given the District Attorney's office the information it requested in the Rampart's Corruption scandal. It happened the day after District Attorney Gil Garcetti and LAPD Chief Bernard Parks engaged in a war of words. Garcetti accused police of refusing to provide information to investigators, a claim Parks denied. That night, the D.A's office said both sides were back on track exchanging information with each other.

HIT N RUN

MARCH 16, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:20) TRT 00:16

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported on a search for witnesses to a crash that killed a seven-year-old girl. The child was crossing the street when a red Chevrolet Cavalier that was headed west on Magnolia struck her.

SIMI RAPIST

MARCH 16, 2000 10:00 P.M (10:22) TRT 00:10

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a serial rapist had struck again in the Simi Valley. The masked man attacked two women overnight. He kidnapped one victim but the other fought him off.

TEACHER ARREST

MARCH 16, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:24) TRT 00:17

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that an LAUSD Elementary Schoolteacher was arrested and charged with possessing child pornography. Paul Kreutzer taught at Liggett Street Elementary School in Panorama City. Court documents showed he was found with more than 60 images of children engaged in sexual acts. U.S. Customs agents said Kreutzer downloaded images from a Netherlands-based child porn website.

DNA/RAPE

MARCH 16, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:14) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported good news for California rape victims in DNA cases. Prosecutors would have more time to file rape charges. The state assembly passed a new bill that provided an exception to the six-year statute of limitations. Under the bill, if a suspect were identified through DNA testing after six years, prosecutors would have an additional year to file charges.

SYNAGOGUE FIRE

MARCH 17, 2000 3:30 P.M. (3:37) TRT 00:19

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a Federal Grand Jury had indicted two brothers in connection with a string of arson attacks on Sacramento Synagogues. Benjamin Matthew Williams and his younger brother James Tyler Williams were charged with 13 accounts, which included arson and destruction of religious property. The brothers were already awaiting trial for the robbery and murder of

a gay couple near Redding.

BABY FOR SALE

MARCH 17, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:03) TRT 00:22

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a Michigan father was jailed charged with trying to sell his own infant daughter for 60 thousand dollars. 30-year-old Lawrence Schaub faced child abandonment charges. Police said he used a home made promotional video to try to sell his 10-month old daughter to undercover investigators. Schaub indicated he needed the money to pay bills. The girl, along with an older brother and sister were all placed in state custody.

NAUGHTON

MARCH 17, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:12) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a former Disney Internet executive pleaded guilty to sex charges. Patrick Naughton was charged with crossing state lines to have sex with a 13-year-old girl. The girl however turned out to be an undercover FBI agent. During an earlier trial, Naughton said he believed he was chatting online with an older woman acting out a fantasy. That case ended in a mistrial. Sentencing was set for June.

BOMB THREAT

MARCH 17, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:21) TRT 00:18

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a bomb threat created quite a scare that day at a school in Reseda. More than a dozen uniformed officers responded after someone telephoned in a threat to Grover Cleveland High. Students waited outside for two hours while police combed the entire campus looking for a bomb. It turned out; however, it was all a hoax.

CLUB HOMICIDE

MARCH 18, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:03) TRT 00:28

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that a nightclub shooting in Windsor Hills had left one man dead and two others seriously injured. The attack happened about 1:45 that morning following a fight at "Ashton's Shatto Nightclub" on west Slauson Avenue. A 32-year-old man was taken to Daniel Freeman Hospital where he was pronounced dead. The other victims either were driven or drove themselves to area hospitals. Police said it was not clear what triggered the fight, but more than 50 shell casings littered the street. No arrests had been made.

TRIPLE MURDER

MARCH 22, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:13) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported on a mother accused of killing three sons. A judge was examining the evidence to see if Socorro Caro should be held over for trial. Police said the woman shot her sons, ages 5, 8 and 11 but spared a baby boy who was with his father, Dr. Xavier Caro. Socorro Caro's mother testified that her daughter was getting a divorce and worried about money.